



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
St Paul District

**APPLICANT: Minnesota Steel  
Industries, LLC**

# **Public Notice**

**ISSUED: June 22, 2007**

**EXPIRES: July 23, 2007**

**REFER TO: MVP-2005-546-JKA**

**SECTION:404 - Clean Water Act**

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## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

1. The District Engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, determined that a joint federal/State of Minnesota Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be prepared as part of the Corps of Engineers public interest review for the permit application by Minnesota Steel Industries, LLC to discharge dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands, in conjunction with the development and operation of a proposed open pit taconite mine at the former Butler Taconite site, and construction of new facilities – a crusher, a concentrator, a pellet plant, a plant for producing direct reduced iron (DRI), and a steel mill consisting of two electric arc furnaces, two ladle furnaces, two thin slab casters, and a sheet rolling mill. The former Butler Taconite Stage 1 tailings basin would be reactivated for the disposal of concentrator tailings. The proposed project would be conducted near Nashwauk in Itasca County, Minnesota. This action is in accordance with Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations 325.2(a)(4).

2. A joint federal/state Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) has been prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District (District) and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR). The FEIS is now available for public review and comment. Public review copies of the FEIS are available at the MnDNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul; the MnDNR Regional Office, 1201 East Highway 2, Grand Rapids; the Duluth Public Library, 144 West Second Street, Duluth; and the Minneapolis Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis. The FEIS is also posted on the MnDNR website at:

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/minnsteel/index.html>

An electronic copy of the FEIS on a CD can be requested from the District by contacting:

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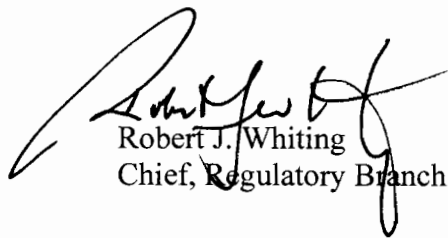
**SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of FEIS**

3. All interested individuals, groups, and agencies are invited and urged to read the FEIS and provide written comments to the District. The comment period will be open for 30 days and will close on July 23, 2007. All comments will become part of the official record and will be made available for public examination.

4. All comments should be addressed to the District Engineer, St. Paul District, Corps of Engineers, 190 Fifth Street East, Suite 401, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1638, ATTENTION: Jon K. Ahlness, Regulatory Branch. The telephone number for facsimile communications is (651) 290-5330.

5. The District will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the project based upon the FEIS and comments received on the FEIS.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:



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Chief, Regulatory Branch

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